

#22  
Amdt. F.  
(NE)  
RECEIVED

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

1997 MAY 13 AM 8:45

In Re Application of:

Riggins *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/206,405

Filing Date: March 4, 1994

For: DYE DIFFUSION PROMOTING  
AGENTS FOR ARAMIDS

) Group No.: 1100  
) BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
) AND INTERFERENCES  
) Examiner: Margaret Einsmann  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)

AMENDMENT

(RIGGINS *ET AL.* 'S INTERFERENCE EXHIBIT NO. 13)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.637(c)(2)(iii), and in accordance with Senior Judge McKelvey's May 9, 1997, Order and Riggins *et al.* 's Preliminary Motion No. 7, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 65-68 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 78-81:

18  
78. (New) A method of dyeing aromatic polyamide fibers comprising contacting the fibers with an aqueous dyebath comprising a functional amount of at least one dye and a dye diffusion promoting agent comprising an aromatic amide having 7 to 14 carbon atoms capable of increasing the swelling value at least 1.5%, and heating the fibers while in contact with the dyebath to fix the dye within the fibers.

Riggins *et al.* 's Exhibit No. 13

Riggins *et al.* v. Holsten *et al.*  
Interference No. 103,685